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SUBJECT: WILLIAM HAGUE SAYS "NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE" HAS
IMPROVED TORY CHANCES

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1. (C/NF) Summary. Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague told the DCM the Tories are "more likely to win than lose" the next general election
Saved by "Near Death" Experience

2. (C/NF) William Hague and DCM, accompanied by Hague's Senior Advisor Arminka Helic and Poloff Kirsten Schulz, met in Hague's House of Common

3. (C/NF) When the Conservatives are leading in the polls as they are now, Cameron has more latitude to attack the Government, said Hague, and
Afghanistan

4. (C/NF) The DCM asked Hague how the Conservatives viewed Afghanistan, recognizing that Cameron believes policy toward that country will be a
National Security

5. (C/NF) The DCM asked Hague what he thought of Brown's national security strategy, which had been released the day before. Hague said it was
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country."

Is the Relationship Still Special?

6. (C/NF) The DCM asked Hague whether the relationship between the UK and the U.S. was "still special." Hague said he, David Cameron and George
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